



# HAPPY HOLIDAYS

## AND FELIZ NUEVO AÑO TO ALL

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13<sup>th</sup>: FIRST ANNUAL LA SALA HOLIDAY FAIR** at the Community Center, 10-4. Sale of local arts, crafts, baked goods, and holiday decorations. Refreshments will be served. **JOIN US** and help raise operating funds for La Sala de Galisteo.

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**CORRECTION:** The 80<sup>th</sup> birthday article on page 1 last month, should have read **"Born Mary Alice Rivera on Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>, 1928, in Santa Fe, where she was raised."** Sorry for the mess.

**Connie Anaya**, Mela Montoya's sister, passed away on December 4<sup>th</sup>. Daughter of Cresencio and Catalina Anaya, she was born in Galisteo on February 26<sup>th</sup>, 1931. She lived here for 55 years before she went to a rest home, due to illness.



Galisteo Christmas Eve, 2007 (Photo Bill Mitchell)

### MARIE FERNEAU (1923-2008)

Marie Ferneau, a Galisteo resident for over 30 years, passed away in Galisteo on November 24<sup>th</sup>. She is survived by her husband of 66 years, Elmer ("Doc"), and their son Brett, of Hanover, New Mexico.

Marie was born May 8<sup>th</sup>, 1923, daughter of Leo and Jessie Humphrey, and was raised in New Albin, Iowa, moving later to Walworth, Wisconsin. She attended a school for the dramatic arts in Chicago, and was about to embark on a theatrical road when she met Elmer Ferneau.

Elmer was headed for Chicago on his first liberty from Navy training in January, 1942, when Marie's older brother (a college friend) showed him her picture and suggested he look her up. He headed straight to a phone booth near her home and called. They were getting to know each other when her date for the evening showed up. "She dismissed him," recalls Elmer, "and we talked for hours." They were married in November.

Marie worked at radio WBBM in Chicago as head of continuity and script acceptance; when she followed Elmer to California during the war, she got the same job at KLXM in Oakland. She was also a writer, painter and sculptor, and took classes at the Art Institute of Chicago. After Elmer received his doctorate from the University of Chicago and began (Cont.p.2)



to teach, the Ferneaus moved to Oklahoma, where he became head of the Education Department and full professor at the University of Tulsa. Brett was born in 1954.

The Ferneaus came to Galisteo in November, 1974, first renting a duplex from José Ortiz y Pino, then moving for one winter to what is now the Fleming house on Avenida Vieja, then to a small house owned by Joe Anaya. In 1976-77 they bought the old railroad depot in Lamy and moved it to its present site just south of the village. Marie wrote eloquently about this experience in EL PUENTE, Nov. 1998. She was also the Galisteo correspondent for the *Cerrillos Rustler* in the 1970s.

The day after Doc's retirement party (as gatekeeper at La Tierra Nueva, where he became friends with Wendy Chase), Marie collapsed with a major stroke on Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>, 1999. The GVFR took her to St. Vincent's, where she spent three months. For the last decade Elmer has been a devoted caregiver, often aided by his good friend Frank Corriz, who helped celebrate Doc's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>.

### OIL & GAS ORDINANCE ON ITS WAY

The 126 detailed pages of the Santa Fe County Oil and Gas Ordinance, in the works for an action-packed year, were approved unanimously by the County Development Review Committee (CDRC) on Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>. On Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>, one section was approved by the Board of County Commissioners (BCC).

The ordinance, prepared with the assistance of external consultants, imposes stringent (and expensive) regulations on gas/oil development. While public input suggested tweakings here and there, for the most part the ordinance goes a long way toward doing what we had hoped it could do.

What it cannot do is ban gas and oil in the Galisteo Basin, and there is still some question as to whether some of the requirements constitute a "no drill" situation (or a "taking," which is illegal) beyond the County's jurisdiction. This issue will presumably be debated at the December 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of the State Oil Conservation Division (OCD).

### COMMUNITY PLANNING: RUSH TO THE FINISH

Travelling a parallel track to the oil and gas ordinance is the new Santa Fe County Growth Management Plan -- a vast reorganization of County land use, which was introduced at the CDRC meeting on Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>. It will be the third General Plan in 30 years, replacing the 1980 plan -- in which all zoning was based on ground water, but was too standardized -- and the so-called "community-driven" 1999 plan -- which introduced the individual Traditional Community Plans and the Open Space program, but resulted in "fragmented and competing" environments.

The new plan, a joint effort between County staff and the same outside consultants who worked on the gas/oil ordinance, will evolve over the next year. The Land Use Department hopes to present a draft by mid-to-late spring.

At the Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> meeting, much emphasis was placed on the "bottom up" aspect of this long-term planning process, but many of us were alarmed by *The New Mexican's* report (12/1)

on the demise of the San Marcos community plan, in which it was announced that "previous growth plans and ordinances, whether still being developed or already approved by the county, will have to be abandoned or significantly amended..." There are currently 12 completed community plans, 8 ordinances, and 5 local CDRCs established in the County.

Those of us in Galisteo who began pressing for a community plan ten years ago and the committee that has been actively working on a plan commissioned by the BCC three years ago, were horrified. The majority of Galisteo residents have voiced approval for such a plan in order to preserve the identity of our unique community, and to maintain our voices and autonomy within a much larger and more powerful arena. As the Roads Committee has learned all too painfully, our small size tends to diminish our influence no matter how hard we work. A local Community Review Committee would have improved this situation, but now the very legality of such committees is in question.

We are being told that the zoning aspects of our plan (on which we spent at least a year and held two public community meetings) will indeed be abandoned. But the rest of the work we have done will be compressed into a different form consisting of goals, policies, and strategies on each issue. The Committee is trying to get this document finished by the end of the year and we are promised that it will be a major building block in the formation of the broader area plan.

To keep abreast of the ongoing County General Plan, see [www.plansantafecounty.org](http://www.plansantafecounty.org), especially the planning maps.

### PEDACITOS/BITS AND PIECES

**Rudy Sena** was the subject of a 20-minute film shown at the Santa Fe Film Festival in early December. *Rodeo de Galisteo* was directed by Gunther Meier.

**Bruce Nauman** will represent the United States at the next Venice Biennale, sponsored by two curators from the Philadelphia Museum of Art.

At the eleventh hour, County Senior Planner Arnie Valdez halted the automatic permit for **Saddleback Ranch developers** to make their lot-line adjustments. Now they will be required to submit a Master Plan, which means far more scrutiny of their intentions and, especially, of their water sources. This is good news for the village, since Saddleback's water is upstream and has the same source -- riparian-based, from the Galisteo Creek -- as many of Galisteo's wells.

*Through The Lens*, at the Palace of Governors, is a fascinating **exhibition of historical photography** of Santa Fe and environs, and it includes several Galisteo images.

**Melissa Moya** graduated from the 2008 Santa Fe County Fire Department Cadet Academy in a ceremony at the James A. Little Theater on Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>. "We saw them fight to stay strong and endure the physical and mental stress that is the everyday life in a fire academy," wrote one of their instructors. "These young men and women are the future of this fire department."

**Light pollution** that dims the night sky has been linked to major problems for wildlife (especially birds using the stars for navigation) and to cancer in humans. (*New Mexican* 11/17).

For a group show in New York City, **Isabella Gonzales** interviewed 27 randomly chosen people within a 30 mile radius of Galisteo and had them draw a personal "migration map" of their lives. These were printed on acetate and overlaid for the final artwork. The questions asked: *Where were you born? What was the best move you ever made? Do you think you'll ever move again? Have you brought anything from nature with you through all your moves?* (Almost everyone had.) She would like to do to a version based in this community. Anyone interested? It's fun!

A painting by **Woody Gwyn** is on the cover of *Postwestern Cultures*, published by the University of Nebraska Press. He was also in a show at David Findlay in New York.

**Patrick McFarlin** was in a group show at the William Siegel Gallery in the Railyard.

**Barbara Holloway** was showing her wares in Ruidoso in August and had an adventure getting out just before the floods destroyed the bridges.

**Priscilla Hoback and her dog Hulabelle** were pictured in front of one of her clay murals in the October *New Mexico Magazine*.

A winter day at "José Remedios + Yerbos" was the subject of a full-page photograph by Guy Cross in the November issue of *THE Magazine*.

**Leveo Sanchez**, son of long-ago Galisteo schoolteacher Victoria Sanchez (granddaughter of Sylvester Davis and Josefa Ortiz), is helping the Santa Fe Hispanic Chamber of Commerce get going. He worked in several governmental agencies, including the Peace Corps, where **Dick Griscom** knew him.

**Muriel Fariello** wrote a letter to the newspaper (11/21) on the low turnout at public meetings on gas and oil development. "I think the drilling moratorium has lulled people into a false sense of security," she wrote. "There is much more work to be done and public participation is essential to good government."

### GCA NOTES

From **Linda Braun, Secretary**

The GCA Board met November 17<sup>th</sup>. Linda Rice brought drawings of her **landscaping plan for the south side of the Community Center**, showing how to approach the project in stages: planting trees, then perennial shrubs, then assorted wildflowers. She suggested American Elms for the biggest trees because of their hardiness in wind and drought. The Board is very pleased with her ideas and grateful for her help.

We will begin planting trees in early Spring, 2009. Linda estimates that the large trees will cost \$200-\$500 each and the small ones \$50-\$100. **You can help support this project** by donating \$50-100 (or more!) to help cover the tree costs. We can also use leftover landscaping rocks, if you have any at your home; we will pick them up. Please send \$ donations to GCA Treasurer Corinne Anaya, 922 Camino Los Abuelos, Galisteo.

Thanks to Steve and Amy Tremper who have volunteered to bring their backhoe to dig the holes for the trees.

A few residents living along the Bosque have been startled by several youths and adults in camouflage, sporting guns, hiding behind trees and dashing furtively around in games of **Paintball**. After some discussion, the Board agreed that this kind of activity

is not safe or desirable for the Bosque, where many of us with dogs, children, or on horseback often enjoy time together. The Bosque is also a delicate ecosystem and home to abundant birds, wildlife, and plants that many of us are working to preserve and enhance. Residents have been asking Paintball players, who don't appear to be Galisteo residents, to play somewhere else and they have agreed. Should things become problematic, the Board suggests calling the sheriff/police.

Thanks to Jan and Kevan Saunders for organizing and presenting another **great Hallow'een event** in the Bosque, creating a new and fun tradition for kids and adults in Galisteo!

Freddie and Anna Cárdenas will host the next **Saturday Coffee on February 7<sup>th</sup>**. If you'd like to host one in March, April or beyond, contact Anna (466-8967). It's fun and easy. The Board provides coffee maker, coffee and accessories, and you provide whatever food you like. It's a great way to start the weekend.

If you are **renting the Community Center**, please remember to close and lock all windows and doors before you leave.

The **next Board meeting** is Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 7:15PM.

### EWI's 15<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY

Earth Works Institute celebrated its 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary in mid-November. Under the leadership of Director Jan-Willem Jansens, it has evolved into a major player in north central New Mexico, participating in numerous local and state-wide projects. EWI's mission is to develop "EcoWise communities" and help them to restore, protect, and live in harmony with their natural environments through "an integrated approach to education, community-driven land stewardship, watershed restoration, and land-use planning policy."

EWI has focused on the Galisteo Basin since its founding in 1993 by Leslie Barclay, whose ranch was located in the western Basin. It has been active in Galisteo village since the late 1990s, carrying out a pilot project in gully rehabilitation and revegetation along the Bosque below the Lippard/King/Morin properties.

The EWI staff has quietly raised our consciousness about specifically local water, wildlife, erosion, and many other issues, and is responsible for the Stewardship Group in Galisteo, which is concentrating on protecting the Bosque and wildlife.

Especially notable are the several years of remarkable quarterly meetings of the Galisteo Watershed Partnership, which was founded by EWI in collaboration with local groups, individuals, and government agencies.

The most recent of EWI's occasional publications is this year's *Consumer Guide to Advanced Wastewater Treatment Systems in New Mexico* by Naomi Engelman -- a must for anyone considering upgrading their systems toward environmental correctness. In January, EWI issued a special report on *Incentives for Water Conservation in the Santa Fe Area*. The 4C (Climate Change Conservation Corps) has become a vital educational tool for young people in the area, who will form the first wave of a new Green work force.

Like all worthy organizations, EWI can use donations, and will use them well. See [www.earthworksinstitute.org](http://www.earthworksinstitute.org), call 982-9806, or send checks to EWI, 1413 Second St., Suite 4, Santa Fe NM 87505. We owe them our thanks.

## LETTER FROM EVELYN GREGORY

A heartfelt thank you to all my friends and neighbors who have gone out of their way to look for my still-missing Basset Hound Annie. It's been a heart-breaking nightmare not to have any closure.

My friends who walked arroyos, pasted flyers, crisscrossed miles of the area and still patiently listen to me hope, I thank you—especially Mike and Johnny Anaya, who took flyers as far as Moriarty, and Mark Lyons and Wendy Chase who walked miles looking for Annie. And Kim, at the Dump, who was wonderful too!

I'm convinced she was picked up and someone has her. The \$500 reward still stands for anyone who can lead me to her. No questions asked!

And can someone in the community come up with an idea to keep the painted mailboxes by the church from being knocked down? And some way to protect stuff on the bulletin board from being ripped off and nailed to the picnic tables? It's a mess!

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